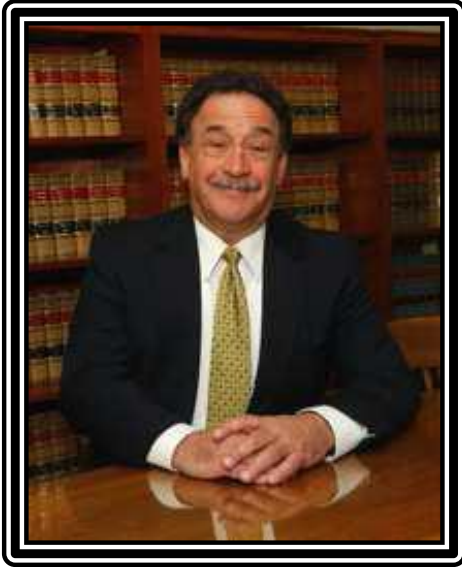


THE FRIENDS OF FORT TRUMBULL PRESENT

THE COMMON SOLDIER IN THE CIVIL WAR



To really understand history and its impact on society, many historians believe that history is best told from the ground up- from the point of view of the ordinary people-the soldiers, the workers, and those directly involved in momentous events. Nevertheless, in school, everyone has studied about the Generals in the Civil War-Grant, Sherman, and Lee; however, few people have learned about the true experiences of the common soldier.

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, Attorney and Civil War enthusiast Fred Vollono will focus upon the hardships, living conditions, and experiences of the common soldier. Mr. Vollono, who dresses the part for his presentation, will share artifacts from his personal Civil War collection including uniforms, weapons, and equipment.

Accompanied by poignant period music, Mr. Vollono will discuss the recruitment, training, camp life, rations, and weaponry of these stalwart men.

Before he attended law school, Mr. Vollono, who is active in community affairs in Essex, was a trooper with the Connecticut State Police, working in patrol, investigative, and public information areas. His special interest in the Civil War led him to develop this compelling program on the common soldier of that era.

During the Civil War, Fort Trumbull was a very active recruiting and training depot for the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which eventually fought in major Civil War battles including Antietam and Gettysburg.

The program, which will take place at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center at 7 p.m., is open to the public; however, seating is limited. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will follow the presentation.